

The Way of Our World

A \$7000 fire in St. Louis was caused by a short circuit in an electric refrigerator.

Maître Belloc has been awarded the French Legion of Honor, a rare honor for an English writer.

The Master of Rolls in England is making an effort to have all memorial records preserved by survivors.

Plans for the manufacture of new parachute silks were presented to officials at Washington recently by silk manufacturers.

One citizen in Arca, Calif., has arranged to give correspondence lessons in nature for those who cannot live in the mountains.

The Southern Railway, England is shipping steel cross ties instead of timber and 35 miles will soon be equipped with these ties.

A patron of a St. Louis barroom ate thirteen sandwiches in an effort to convince police that he had ordered them and not liquor.

A man was killed recently in Chicago when his coat tails caught in a passing car and he was thrown against his own automobile.

A New Jersey stunter broke his wrist when he fell from a tree after making a perfect landing by parachute following a 2000-foot drop.

A 13-year-old girl in Texas stole a valuable diamond ring from her mother, she had heard a lot about it and wanted to find out what was in it.

Basketball, and not football, is the leading sport in Iowa high schools, according to the secretary of the Iowa High School Athletic Association.

Jack P. Jones, serving a burglary sentence in the State Penitentiary at Huntsville, Tex., has escaped six times and been recaptured as many times.

The king of Sweden recently held a three-minute conversation with the president of Finland, in opening the telephone connection across the Aland Sea.

An Oregon pioneer who had been a Texas ranger before going to Oregon, died recently at Eugene, Ore., after celebration of his one hundred and second birthday.

In the cast of "Mr. Pickwick" which is being acted on a London stage, is a great-granddaughter of Charles Dickens, acting under the name of Gipsy Raine.

When the Tower of London is closed up for the night no one can gain admission with out the passport which is sent to the King and Lord Mayor every night.

The Prince of Wales radiocast an appeal on Dec. 25 for help for the unemployed miners, and entertainment for those in need were a feature of the day in London.

French authorities in Africa plan to open up 1,500,000 acres for the growth of cotton on the Niger river, connecting that area with Algiers by the proposed Trans-Saharan Railway.

A patriarch among books of reference, "Debre's Peerage, Baronage, Knightage and Companionage," has appeared again, the two hundred and sixteenth year of its publication.

A project is on foot in Alberta to divert the West Prairie River into the Little Smoky River, thus preventing spring floods which result from the melting of snow in the Swan River Hills.

The present headquarters of the City Literary Institute of London was formerly used as an industrial school for boys. Decrease of juvenile wrongdoing caused the officials to discontinue with the school.

A railway construction project is under way in Manitoba, where a 42-mile road will be built in the north to Cold Lake where lies the Sherrett-Gordon mine, one of the most promising mineral deposits there.

It is probable that an Eastern manufacturer of bottles will locate in Denison, Texas, as a result of an unlimited deposit of white glass sand, 50 per cent pure silica, that has been discovered along the line of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas.

Report: "You're thinking of a divorce?" "Well, you might say that I'm boiling."

Comments on Life: "The universe as a whole does not suggest that there is something behind—Dr. Hector Macpherson."

We have all learned the lesson of conciliation, co-operation and good will without which progress in the world is impossible.—Stanley Baldwin.

—AND SOME VERSE
Good News
Let me be done for good and all with news
Of a mad world proclaimed on every side
By orators who thunder and deride
And bitter preachers shrieking: "I accuse!"
And cynic quilters scribbling to amuse—
Fierce, wee colossi on mole-hills astride
Where is the unreal world which they abuse?
What means the torrent of their wordy pride?

For there are folk in darkened city rooms,
Meek souls, in whom bright loving kindness burns;
And there are folk on lonely toil-some farms,
Kind souls, who live and die without alarms;
In them th' eternal Gospel speaks again,
And angels sing: Peace and good-will to men.
—Terunt van Dyke.

MERCURY DOWN TO ZERO HERE IN COLD WAVE

Highest Temperature Yesterday Was 18 Above

MORE SNOW PREDICTED

Winter Weather General Over Middle West Today

Columbia experienced its first zero weather of this winter last night when the mercury touched exactly zero, according to the U. S. Weather Bureau. New Year's Day was ushered in with the coldest weather of the season as 18 degrees above zero was the highest temperature at any time yesterday.

A moderate cold wave which reached here early Tuesday morning was accompanied by a 3-inch snow. It was 9 degrees below zero on New Year's Day a year ago. Columbia was colder last night than either Kansas City or St. Louis with 10 above or Springfield, Mo., with 6 above.

Increasing cloudiness with probable snow flurries is forecast for tonight with rising temperature tomorrow. The mercury is not expected to go below 18 above zero tonight.

Downtown Walks Cleared
With most business houses closed for the holiday yesterday, downtown streets and sidewalks were covered with snow most of the day. In some places the snow had drifted badly. Early this morning, however, shovels and brooms and calls for salt were growing numerous and by noon most of the walks were cleared. Street crossings were also being cleared of snow.

Broadway stop signals were causing some trouble yesterday since cars in attempting to stop at the appearance of the red light frequently skidded to the amusement of on-lookers and the chagrin of the drivers.

What Santa Claus Day had deprived the children of in the way of coasting New Year's Day brought an abundance. Within the last few years Columbia children have found unfrequented uses for sleds, but yesterday every street that could boast a small incline was a scene of merriment.

K. C. Negro Killed Under Trolley
KANSAS CITY, Kan., Jan. 2 (U. P.).—The first storm of the winter had claimed its first victim today as the result of a coasting accident.

Sylvester Lennar, a negro, 21, was killed yesterday when his sled sped under a street car. Clarence Cook, 10, riding in the back of the sled, rolled from it before it went under the street car.

Is Below in Canada
CHICAGO, Jan. 2 (U. P.).—The mercury hovered near the zero mark in most of the Middle West today with from three to six inches of snow blanketing the territory and little relief in sight.

A cold wave, sweeping in from Alaska and Canada, hit the Mississippi Valley yesterday, driving the mercury down and powdering snow on New Year's celebrators.

Kansas City reported three inches of snow and six inches farther south, extending to the Oklahoma border. Sections of Iowa and Nebraska reported from two to three inches of snow and temperatures in some cases below zero.

Hayre, Mont., silvered in a 4 below temperature, the coldest reported yesterday.

The mercury ranged around 10 below in Canada, Winnipeg reporting that figure with prospects of moderation today.

Weather forecasts indicated the mercury would rise only a few degrees today at Missouri, Kansas, and Colorado.

The cold wave is spreading east and south. Indiana, Ohio, Southern Illinois being due for lower temperatures, the weather bureau here said.

550 AUTOMATIC DIALS RECEIVED
To Be Attached to Phones With Base-4000 Complete Sets Needed

Five hundred and fifty automatic dials were received by the Columbia Telephone Company today. E. F. Carter, manager of the company, explained that these would not be installed for about two months. The dials which have been received in this shipment are to be attached to the phones which are built with a base for the dial.

Carter said that 4000 more complete phone sets with dials attached would have to be ordered, since only 550 sets are of the type to which a base can be attached.

Mrs. R. L. Lockidge's Aunt Dies
Mrs. R. L. Lockidge, 1409 Hinkson Avenue, received word Monday of the death of an aunt, Mrs. Lou Richey, who was living with a sister in Paris, Mo., at the time of her death. Mrs. Lockidge was planning to leave today to attend the funeral which is to be held tomorrow.

Gives Each Employee Month's Pay
The board of directors of the Columbia Insurance & Rental Agency has voted a month's salary as a bonus to each employee.

The Weather

For Columbia and vicinity: Increasing cloudiness tonight and unsettled Thursday, probably with snow flurries; rising temperature; lowest tonight about 18 above.

For Missouri: Increasing cloudiness tonight followed by unsettled Thursday; possibly with snow north and east-central portions; rising temperature tonight and east and south Thursday.

Shippers forecast: Within a radius of 200 miles of Columbia the lowest temperatures are expected to be about as follows: North 18, East 18, South 20, West 22.

Weather conditions: The cold wave has overspread practically all of the country reaching into Florida this morning. Zero cold is as far south as Missouri and the freezing line runs south to San Antonio, Tex., and beyond Atlanta, Ga. The snow has extended well into the southeast states. From Missouri north and west the backbone is broken and the weather will moderate steadily for the following several days.

Highest temperature here yesterday was 18; lowest last night, 0.

NATIVE OF BOONE CO. DIES

Virgil Watson Survived by Wife and Four Daughters
Virgil Watson, 55, died unexpectedly at midnight last night at his home on 305 West Ash Street. Mr. Watson was born in Boone County June 22, 1875, and has lived on a farm northwest of Columbia most of his life.

Mr. Watson is survived by his wife and four daughters, Mrs. Irvin Rowland, Edith, Mrs. Edna Allen, and Misses Lillian and Velma Watson, of Columbia.

No funeral arrangements had been made today.

A post mortem held at Parker Undertaking parlors by Carter Owen, coroner, revealed that Watson died of a heart attack. Watson was employed by the University on the College of Agriculture farm here.

NEW NEWSPAPER IN SPRINGFIELD
H. S. Jewell Will Enter Field There Again on Mar. 1

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Jan. 2 (U. P.).—A new afternoon newspaper, which will issue its first edition on March 1, will be published by H. S. Jewell, former Springfield newspaper man. It was announced today by Jewell.

The United Press news service has been obtained to furnish the new paper with news. Equipment is now being installed.

For the last thirty years, Jewell has been identified with newspaper publishing here. In 1898 he acquired the Springfield Leader and disposed of the paper only eighteen months ago. He developed the Leader from a four-page newspaper to one of the outstanding journalistic successes of the Southwest.

A tribute unique in newspaper publishing was paid Jewell when a petition signed by more than 200 of the city's business and civic leaders, accompanied by a subscription list containing more than 5000 names, was presented him, urging him to identify himself with newspaper publishing again.

The publisher of the new newspaper is also president of two large wholesale and manufacturing institutions here—the Springfield Tablet Manufacturing Company and the Springfield Paper Company.

The Assembly is convening for the decennial revision session. The joint session of the Assembly is expected to be ready to move to the far west messengers of Governor Baker.

Insurrection on Jan. 14
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Secretary Becker, who served in three sessions of the House, recalled the time when the Republicans were in the minority in the House.

"When I came to the House my party occupied a few lonely seats on the right side of the chamber," he said, "then after prayers some over zealous member of the opposition would rear up on his side of the house and throw a brick into our little camp. Some of our patriots would throw it back and that would be the morning session. Since then I have seen our party advance to the center aisle and cross it by storm and now we find ourselves in possession of all the outposts on the side of the opposition. But even though you come here by virtue of majority of votes of a political party let your first allegiance be to your state and let your every action be for the welfare of the people.

STUDENTS RETURN TO TOWN TODAY
Vacation Ends—Classes Start Tomorrow at 8 O'clock

University students are now coming back to town for the opening of classes at 8 a. m. tomorrow after having had a vacation which lasted from Dec. 10 until this time. This year they had an unusually long vacation because of the closing of the school for the last three weeks to check the influenza epidemic.

Business houses which depended much upon the trade of the students and which closed during the holidays are now reopening in preparation for a normal return of business. Streets which have had a deserted aspect for the last three weeks are now beginning to take on something of their usual bustle. Friends are cheerily calling to one another and they bob in and out of their favorite launts and hang-outs among the business houses to greet this and that friend.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPEN HERE TODAY
Attendance Is Normal—Few Absences Due to Illness

Classes in all of the public schools of Columbia were resumed this morning with the re-opening of the schools after the Christmas holidays. Attendance resumed its normal figure according to advice from the office of the city superintendent of schools, and there are only a few absences due to sickness.

During the vacation period, a complete installation of new thermostats heat regulators for all rooms were installed at the Douglas negro school to insure a more satisfactory heating system.

The University elementary and high school will re-open tomorrow with the beginning of classes at the University.

REP. PARKER ELECTED AS NEW SPEAKER

Gains Office as Duensing Withdraws From G. O. P. Race

HELD POSITION IN 1925

Both Parties Go to Caucuses Before Convening in Assembly

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 2 (U. P.).—Representative James H. Parker of St. Louis today was selected Speaker of the House, defeating Representative Frank Meyer of Gasconade County.

The vote was, Parker 55, Meyer 45.

Representative John W. Campbell of Cedar County was selected for speaker pro tem.

Representative William P. Elmer of Dent County acted as chairman of the Republican caucus while Mrs. Ruby McReynolds of Knox County, the only woman member of the House, served as secretary.

Then forty-seven Democratic members of the House selected Representative Eugene Nelson of Marion County as minority party leader.

Representative D. L. Bales of Shannon County was proposed as the Democratic nominee for speaker.

Representative Earl Roberts of Crawford County was chairman of the Democratic caucus.

Representative William Freeland of Taney County was selected as the Republican floor leader.

Other officers elected by the Senate were: Secretary, R. E. L. Marks, Carthage; assistant secretary, J. M. Shockey, Richland; enrolling clerk, Tom McCollum, Springfield; engrossing clerk, I. T. St. Clair, Fayette; official reporter, Dwight Brown, Poplar Bluff; doorkeeper, Tom Edwards, Calhoun; sergeant at arms, George C. Rittenhouse, St. Louis; chaplain, the Rev. T. H. Hill, Brookfield; folder, Miss Goldie Hogan, Holden.

The chief clerk and other minor officers of the House will not be selected until the Republican representatives hold their second caucus at 4 o'clock.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 2 (U. P.).—The Fifty-fifth General Assembly today convened at high noon today when Charles U. Becker, secretary of state, rapped the house to order and Lieutenant-Governor Phil A. Bennett convened the Senate.

The House convened promptly but there was a delay of more than five minutes in the Senate.

Rev. George Wharton, pastor of the Grace Episcopal Church here, pronounced the invocation in the House. The oath of office was administered to the House members in groups by Judge Frank E. Atwood of the Supreme Court.

The Rev. Gurthlie Birkhead, pastor of the First Christian church here, pronounced the invocation in the Senate. J. T. White of the Supreme Court administered the oath of office to the new members of the Senate.

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On the last three days of each week the vaudeville acts will supplement the silent picture, according to the new policy.

H. O. Severance Back From Chicago
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CHICAGO COUPLE IN ACCIDENT

Car Skids From Road Near Boonville—Pavement Slippery

Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Baker of Chicago, driving a 1928 Essex coupe, narrowly escaped severe injuries when their car skidded from the icy pavement and landed in a field forty feet from the pavement, on Highway 40, about three miles east of Boonville.

The car was turned completely around and was lying on its side.

Another car about ten miles west of Boonville had skidded to a pasture about forty feet below the highway.

The pavements are slick, and unless chains are used driving is dangerous.

WILBUR McBAINE GIVES BOND
His Arrest Made on Charges of Assault

Wilbur McBaine, who has been in the county jail since Dec. 25, was released today upon a \$300 bond following the filing of charges of common assault by the state.

McBaine was arrested early Christmas morning, following the cutting of Herbert Roberts and Floyd Roberts, brothers, at a party at the home of Jesse Elders, 615 West Ash Avenue.

The case will be brought up at the next session of the Circuit Court which meets next Monday.

MYRON T. HERRICK DANGEROUSLY ILL

Ambassador to France Is Suffering From Bronchitis

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 2 (U. P.).—Physicians today were fighting to save the life of Myron T. Herrick, 74, U. S. ambassador to France, who is suffering from bronchitis.

Call for oxygen tanks was rushed to Emergency Hospital, where he is today from the Herring Hunting Valley estate here by Dr. John Phillips, who was at the ambassador's bedside.

The call revealed that Herrick has been ill for two weeks. His condition was not regarded as critical until midnight Tuesday when he suffered a severe attack of suffocation.

A leader in everything he has undertaken, Myron T. Herrick started as an Ohio lawyer and business man, became a member of the city council of Cleveland, O., and held the office of governor of Ohio from 1905 to 1906. He was ambassador to France from 1912 to 1914, and has held that post continuously since 1921 when he returned to it. He is known and admired throughout the civilized world.

He played an outstanding part in the work of the World War when he spared himself no labor. His American home is in Chagrin Falls, O. He was born in Huntington, O.

WILHITE RITES AT CEMETERY
Funeral Will Be Tomorrow Afternoon Instead of Friday

The funeral for E. S. Whitte of Columbia, who died in Los Angeles Dec. 28 of meningitis, will be held at the Columbia Cemetery tomorrow afternoon immediately after the arrival of the Washburn train at 2:05 p. m. The Rev. S. S. Keith will preach the services.

It had formerly been intended to hold the services at the Baptist Church, but the law prohibits funerals being held in public places for people who have died of contagious diseases.

Mr. Whitte, the son of Moses and Caroline Whitte, was born in Boone County, April 21, 1871.

He was married to Bessie Akeman, Dec. 24, 1890.

He is survived by three children, Oscar and Mrs. Mabel Baldwin, Columbia, and Roy of Los Angeles, and two brothers, John and Joe Whitte.

Active pallbearers are: Pike Hart, Frank Greenberry, Riley Garrett, Frank T. McBaine, John Thee and Jimmy Haun.

Honorary pallbearers are: Clyde Curby, Ernest Drake, Charles Tucker, George Peeler, Joe McQuitty, Dr. P. J. Mitchell, Paul and Leonard Henderson.

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UTAH, BEARING HOOVER, TO BE HOME SUNDAY

Battleship to Anchor at Hampton Roads at 8 A. M.

PRESIDENT-ELECT RESTS

Will Leave for Capital to Prepare for Office Duties

ABOARD U. S. S. UTAH EN ROUTE TO HAMPTON ROADS, Jan. 2 (U. P.).—The Utah was approximately 100 miles from Hampton Roads at 8 a. m. today bearing President-elect Herbert Hoover to a round of duties incident to his inauguration next March.

On the present schedule the battleship should anchor at Hampton Roads between 8 and 10 a. m. Sunday, when Mr. and Mrs. Hoover will go to their home at the White House to begin preparation for their occupancy of the White House.

Most of Mr. Hoover's time until March 4 will be taken up with organizing a government to assume office with him and settle the hundreds of problems that arise.

Mrs. Hoover will be busy with preparations to become mistress of the White House, packing and moving the Hoover personal belongings to the executive mansion.

Mr. Hoover has been resting as much as possible as the Utah sails through tropic seas and under clear skies. He laughed at a mock White House New Year's reception yesterday, but did not remain up the night before with Mrs. Hoover to see the New Year in.

The president-elect maintains silence regarding his plans and other plans, and nothing official probably will be forthcoming before his arrival in Washington.

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